

BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

Limited Sources Justification and Approval

Purchase Request Number

PR-N6313416RC020AD

Requiring Office Name

Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center

Control Number

13769

1. IDENTIFICATION OF AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY: This is a Limited Source Justification. The requiring activity is the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center (FLENUMMETOCEN), 7 Grace Hopper Avenue, Stop 1, Monterey CA 93943; the contracting activity is the Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Norfolk – Mechanicsburg Site, Code 215.

2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT ACTION: This acquisition is conducted under the authority of FAR 6.302.1 / (C) Application for Brand Name description (1)(i)(ii)(A)(B)(C) Only one responsible source and no other Supplies or Services Will satisfy the Agency requirement.

This is a limited source justification for the negotiation and issuance of a solicitation that is ***Other than Full and Open Competition*** and as such will be synopsized accordingly. The solicitation is for the acquisition of Information Technology consulting services to be provided by certified CISCO reseller/service providers. Only CISCO approved reseller/service providers can install, configure and train staff on the usage of the Cisco Identity Service Engine (ISE). The ISE platform hardware and licenses were previously acquired under another contract action.

The ISE engine is a high-tech security system that controls access to IT systems and information. The system can focus on preventative intrusions while also tracking and documenting (unauthorized access or attempts) via wireless and wired forms of communication. The specific services include but are not limited to design, configuration, implementation, testing and debugging, of one primary ISE platform and a secondary redundant system. The contractor must facilitate Knowledge Transfer relative to installation, operation and maintenance of the ISE platform.

A Firm-Fixed-Price contract is contemplated for an estimated dollar value of \$ [REDACTED] This requirement will be competed among current Cisco-certified reseller/service providers.

3. DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED SUPPLIES/SERVICES: The proposed action consists of installation, implementation, configuration, and training for previously purchased Cisco ISE Network Access Control (NAC) system.

The proposed support will provide tools and knowledge that will help FLENNUMMETOCCEN maintain the information assured (IA) status of its network. All services are to be performed at FLENUMMETOCCEN in Monterey, CA. The requirement consists of three line items as follows:

| | Description |
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| 1 | Install Cisco ISE NAC in a primary/secondary redundant high availability cluster with licenses to support up to 500 users on the FLENUMMETOCCEN network. |
| 2 | Install Cisco ISE components that are relevant to the deployment at FLENUMMETOCCEN. Provide over-the-shoulder training and conduct knowledge transfer of all processes relevant to the implementation and operation of the Cisco ISE NAC. |
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4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open

competition: The acquisition is conducted under the authority of FAR 6.302.1 / (C) Application for Brand Name description (1) (i)(ii)(A)(B)(C) Only one responsible source and no other Supplies or Services Will satisfy the Agency requirement. This acquisition could have been justified as a logical follow-on to the acquisition of Cisco ISE hardware, software and licenses; however the customer chose to pursue the action as a standalone function.

The proposed requirement is to acquire Cisco ISE implementation and knowledge transfer services. FLENUMMETOCCEN has determined that any Cisco-certified ISE Authorized Technical Provider will meet the minimum technical requirements of the Government and is essential to the Government's requirements. The proper functioning of the new Cisco ISE NACs are essential to maintaining the information assurance accreditation for the mission-essential network at FLENUMMETOCCEN. Lastly in order to perfect Cisco warranty and to preclude pushback relative to downstream servicing requirements it is required that we obtain the services of an authorized Cisco reseller/service provider. In anticipation of the low dollar volume we will target Small Businesses for the solicitation. We anticipate competition however other facilities have had less than a robust response to their solicitation for the same services.

5. DETERMINATION OF THE BEST VALUE: This order will be issued in accordance with FAR 6.302 Circumstances Permitting Other Than Full and Open Competition. Under FAR 15.101-2 (A)(B)(4) Lowest Price Technically Acceptable source selection process will be used, Exchanges may occur with respondents for clarification. Preferably competition will establish pricing as fair and reasonable. Nevertheless the cost factor involved is the labor rate, therefore we should be able confirm pricing for consultants certified at the required level. Therefore the price paid will represent the best value and result in the lowest overall cost alternative to meet the needs of FLENUMMETOCCEN.

6. ANY OTHER SUPPORTING FACTS: This solicitation is an Other Than Full & Open Competition. It will be posted on NECO and FedBizOp thereby obtaining maximum exposure. Additionally we will use our preferred listing of IT Consultants as well as obtain contacts from CISCO. The specified Cisco certified ISE Implementation Services are the only services that will allow FLENUMMETOCCEN to operationalize and fully utilize its ISE system while at the same time maintaining the warranty and support of the equipment.

7. ACTIONS TAKEN TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO COMPETITION: All future requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

8. CONTRACTING POINT OF CONTACT: The point of contact at FLC Norfolk-Mechanicsburg Site is E. Douglas Shadd, Code 215.3, at DSN 430-2027 commercial (717) 605-605-2027 or by e-mail at doug.shadd@navy.mil.

As the technical or requirement personnel, I certify that the evidence of the supporting data that forms the basis of this justification is complete and accurate.

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